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~~2. (Twice Amended) A solution as claimed in claim 18 wherein the copolymer consists of units derived from monomers selected from C₁-C₂₀-alkyl acrylates, vinyl acetate and acrylic acid.~~

~~18. (Amended) A colorless solution for cosmetic use, consisting essentially of:~~

- ~~(1) an organic solvent medium selected from the group consisting of ethyl acetate, ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol and mixtures thereof,~~
- ~~(2) at least one self-adhesive hydrophobic polymer which is of linear structure, non-ionic and non-water swellable and is selected from copolymers of the acrylic/vinyl type,~~
- ~~(3) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a filler and an essential oil wherein the filler contains no colorant and no colored pigment,~~
- ~~(4) at least one keratolytic agent, and~~
- ~~(5) optionally a cosmetically active substance.~~

19. (Amended) A solution as claimed in claim 18 which contains:

- (1) 20 to 60% by weight of the hydrophobic copolymer which consists of units derived from monomers selected from C₁-C₂₀-alkyl acrylates, vinyl acetate and acrylic acid,
- (2) 0.1 to 20% by weight of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a filler and an essential oil, and
- (3) 0.1 to 15% by weight of a keratolytic agent, and
- (4) 0-15% of a cosmetically active substance,

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said copolymer having an adhesiveness of between 150 and 800 g/cm² after evaporation of the said organic solvent.

Add the following claims:

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--20. (new) A solution as claimed in claim 18, wherein said filler is a nylon powder.

21. (new) A solution as claimed in claim 18, wherein said filler is a polymethylmethacrylate powder.

22. (new) A solution as claimed in claim 18, containing a cosmetically active substance selected from the group consisting of agents absorbing and/or regulating sebum and perspiration, liporegulators, sun-protectors, skin conditioners, anti-wrinkle agents, toners, anti-free radical agents, anti-acne agents, disinfectants, anti-ageing agents, vascular protectors, insensitizers, immunomodulators, anti-inflammatories, antibacterials, antifungals, moisturizing agents, emollients, deodorant agents, healing agents, astringents, self-tanning agents, depigmenting agents, softening agents, and combinations thereof.

23. (new) A solution as claimed in claim 18, containing a cosmetically active substance selected from the group consisting of chitosan and derivatives thereof, tannin, caffeine, collagen, sun filters and hyaluronic acid.

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24. (new) A solution according to claim 18, containing a cosmetically active substance comprising particles of at least one water-absorbing agent selected from the group consisting of crosslinked polyacrylates, polyvinyl alcohol, carboxyvinyl polymers, carboxymethyl cellulose, starches, xanthan gum, guar gum, gum Arabic, gum tragacanth, biosaccharides, scleroglucans, casein, alginates, carrageenates, agar-agar, gelatine and cotton fibres.

25. (new) A solution according to claim 18, wherein the keratolytic agent is selected from the group consisting of a α -hydroxycarboxylic acid, a β -hydroxycarboxylic acid, a fruit acid, and a β --ketocarboxylic acid, and salts, amides or esters thereof.

26. (new) A solution according to claim 18, wherein the keratolytic agent is selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, tartaric acid, malic acid, citric acid, mandelic acid, salicylic acid, Kojic acid, retinyl palmitate and vitamin C, and salts, amides or esters thereof .--

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 2 to 26 are pending. Claims 20-26 have been added.

Support for claims 20-26 may be found, for example, at page 4. line 2; page 4, line 3; page 5, lines 1-9; page 5, lines 10-12; and page 5, lines 15-23, respectively.

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